

## MAYOR PEREZ TO PRESENT NATIONAL AWARD TO JOSE COLON-RIVAS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN TO ACCEPT LEWIS HINE AWARD

---NEWS ADVISORY FOR MONDAY, MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>---

6:00 p.m.— Mayor Eddie A. Perez is proud to present Dr. Jose Colon-Rivas, the Executive Director of the Mayor's Office For Young Children with the Lewis Hine Award For Service to Children. The National Child Labor Committee (NCLC) selected Dr. Colon-Rivas to receive this national honor. The official presentation will be made at an awards banquet at the Time Warner Center (58th Street) in New York City.

Mayor Perez says, "Education starts at birth and Hartford's youngest residents deserve the best possible opportunities to give them the tools they will need to succeed in school and in life. Under Jose's leadership of the Mayor's Office For Young Children, Hartford kids and their families come first. Jose is an innovative and accomplished educator who has dedicated himself to the mission of making a positive difference for our children--- and all of Hartford is proud that he is receiving this national recognition."